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SUBJECT: NWC AND DEFMIN BARNARD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY MINISTER FERNANDEZ OCTOBER 30 CALLED ON EA DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY SNEIDER TO CONVEY DEFMIN BARNARD'S RESPONSE TO VISIT SUGGESTIONS PASSED TO GOA BY AMEMBASSY CANBERRA (PARA ONE REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING FERNANDEZ, BARNARD AND GOA CONTINUE BELIEVE MEETING WITH SECDEF ESSENTIAL, IN PART BECAUSE OF PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY BARNARD TO DISCUSS NWC WITH SECDEF PERSONALLY. BARNARD THEREFORE PROPOSES POSTPONEMENT WASHINGTON MEETING UNTIL WEEK OF JANUARY 7, WITH SUGGESTION THAT HE AND SECDEF MEET TWICE, PREFERABLY ON JANUARY 9 AND 11. FIRST MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS ANY REMAINING NWC ISSUES, WHILE SECOND MEETING WOULD BE TO WRAPUP AGREEMENT.

3. FERNANDEZ POINTED OUT ALTERNATIVE DECEMBER DATES OUT
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BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS BY BARNARD AND XMAS HOLIDAYS.

LATER IN JANUARY ALSO NOT FEASIBLE OWING OTHER COMMITMENTS
BY BARNARD, INCLUDING A TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. FERNANDEZ SAID BARNARD WOULD PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR
MEETINGS AT LATER DATE. HE ALSO COMMENTED BARNARD HAD

AGREED PRITCHETT SHOULD VISIT WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE
BARNARD/SECDEF MEETING, BUT TIMING UNCERTAIN PENDING
CONFIRMATION BARNARD VISIT DATES. FERNANDEZ ASKED THAT
HIS CONVEYANCE INFORMATION ON PRITCHETT VISIT BE HELD
CLOSELY.

5. SNEIDER PROMISED PASS ABOVE TO DOD AND OBTAIN REPLY
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